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Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.43

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.43, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to make provision for the session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its subsidiary bodies in his proposal for the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

2. It is noted that paragraph 8 of the draft resolution deals with administrative and budgetary matters. In this connection it is recalled that, in its resolution 45/248 B, section VI, the General Assembly:

(a) Reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

(b) Reaffirmed also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(c) Expressed its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

(d) Invited the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

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3. As regards the substance of the proposal, the conference servicing of the Convention bodies during the biennium 2004-2005 from within the United Nations regular budget resources requires services costing $4.4 million on a full cost basis at 2002-2003 rates.

4. It should be noted in connection with the above that the Conference of Parties to the Convention customarily reserves specific additional funds, as a contingency provision, in the context of approval of the biennial programme budgets of the Convention for use in the event that the General Assembly decides not to provide resources for conference servicing at its meetings in the United Nations programme budget. For the biennium 2002-2003, for example, such provision was approved by decision 38/CP.7 of the Conference of Parties (see FCCC/CP/2001/13/Add.4).